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TO [] WASHINGTON,

FOR []

SUBJECT []

GTP MR. PRESTON TORBERT AND DR. LAJOS SCHMIDT

REFS 1. A. WASHINGTON 821151 (TP)

B. [] (IN 847233)

C. DIRECTOR 819790

1. [] HAS DISCUSSED OUR INTEREST IN TORBERT WITH []. LAW FIRM OF BAKER, MCKENZIE IS LARGE AND PRESTIGIOUS ONE WITH WHOM [] HAS HAD LONG AND PROFITABLE RELATIONSHIP.

2. FOR BACKGROUND ON TORBERT, AS [] DETAILED. [] BROUGHT HIM TO OUR ATTENTION AS YOUNG CHINESE-SPEAKING LAWYER AND AS CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF MR. EUGENE A. THEROUX OF D.C. OFFICE OF BAKER, MCKENZIE. [] HAD CONTACT WITH THEROUX AND PRESUME THAT [] MAINTAINS CONTACT.

[] PRINCIPAL CONTACT IN BAKER, MCKENZIE IS LAJOS SCHMIDT, WHOM WE WOULD LIKE TO USE TO GET TO POLISH CONSULATE AND TRADE MISSION PERSONNEL WITH WHOM HE HAS CONTACT

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(SEE REF B).

4. [] TOLD US HE WOULD HAVE NO HESITATION IN CHECKING WITH SCHMIDT TO CLEAR OUR APPROACH WITH TORBERT.

5. WE HAVE NOT BEEN IN TOUCH YET WITH TORBERT AND DO NOT KNOW IF HE WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO OUR CONTACT AND WHETHER HE COULD BE OF VALUE IN OUR [] PROGRAM AS DISTINCT FROM OUR EFFORTS AGAINST POLES. NOW THAT WE KNOW THIS MUCH ABOUT BOTH WE ARE INCLINED TO REQUEST [] TO SEEK CONTACT WITH TORBERT AND EXPLORE HIS WILLINGNESS TO HELP AND HIS USEFULNESS TO OUR EFFORT BEFORE YOU PROCEED WITH LENGTHY CLEARANCE PROCEDURES. COMMENT?

6. IF HE CAN BE OF USE WE WOULD WANT TO DEAL WITH BOTH TORBERT FOR HIS CHINESE CONTACTS (TORBERT HAS NO CONTACTS WITH BLOC THAT WE KNOW OF) AND CONTINUE TO SEE SCHMIDT, ONE OF SENIOR PEOPLE AT RAKER, MCKENZIE TO EXPLOIT HIS [] CONNECTIONS.

7. FILE: [] J.C. J. E2 IMPDET.

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